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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

Gleaned Here and There by the "Courier" Reporter.

WILL SOON BE READY.

The New Extension of the Beech Creek Railroad from Patton to Spangler.

The Cambria County Railroad, the new extension to the Beech Creek railroad from Patton to Spangler, a distance of over nine miles, is rapidly nearing completion under the supervision of Chief Engineer MacIntyre and Geo. S. Good & Co., contractors. It is thought that the road will be completed by March 1st, ready for the hauling of trains over. The road is now completed and the tracks laid both from Spangler and Patton to a point about four miles west of Patton where an extensive fill is being made. As soon as this is completed and the tracks connected it will be ready for operation.

The following in regard to the new extension is taken from the Lock Haven Express: "The new addition to the Cambria County Railroad, which is being built for the purpose of carrying this coal to tidewater, via the Fall Brook and Philadelphia & Reading railroads, and New York Central & Hudson River railroad. It is not believed that Beech Creek passenger trains will be run through to Spangler for some time yet. The Beech Creek road is slowly but surely making its way westward towards its cherished goal, Pittsburgh."

A Fine Penman.

Edwin H. Craver, son of Lew Craver, proprietor of the Blair house at Ebensburg, is gaining quite a reputation as an expert penman. The Courier received a few samples of some of his work this week which show him to be an adept with the pen and ink. He is but 17 years old and his work is considered among the very finest in this section. He recently received a diploma from Prof. C. C. Lator, who is a teacher of penmanship in Bryant & Stratton's business college at Baltimore, Md., and on Monday, January 18th he was awarded a beautiful prize for executing the best page 1824 inches of movement exercises with the pen by Prof. G. E. Crane, teacher of penmanship in the Sandusky, O., business college, which he has placed in a beautiful frame and has it hanging in the office of his father's hotel. Considering this young man's age, he will, when in his prime, rank among the very best teachers of penmanship in the country, if he continues to devote his time to the art.

Democratic Caucus.

A Democratic Caucus was held in the Firemen's hall on Tuesday night and the following parties were nominated for borough officers to be chosen at the election on Tuesday, February 16th:

Burgess—Geo. Prindible.
Councilmen—William Leadbetter, 3 years; W. C. Hubbard, 3 years; A. H. Burkey, 3 years.

School Directors—John H. Somerville, W. C. Lingle.
Tax Collector—Jas. Mellon.
Auditor—Wm. A. Mellon.
Judge of Election—John Ardell.
Inspector—Frank Campbell.

Had News.

On Saturday at noon Mrs. Joel Dixon received the sad intelligence that her sister, Mrs. James Claffey, of Norwich, N. Y., had expired. Mrs. Claffey has a number of relatives living in and near Patton. Her mother, Mrs. Warren, and sister, Mrs. Chas. Perry, live at Chest Springs, and her father, a brother and sister residing in Patton. Mr. Luke Warren, brother of the deceased, departed on Saturday afternoon to attend the funeral. Besides the above relatives deceased leaves a husband and one son to mourn her sad departure. She was about 35 years of age.

Will Erect an Addition.

The Poor Directors of Cambria county have arranged to have an addition built at the north end of the Almshouse, near Ebensburg. The size of the addition will be 40x55 feet, and it will be built of brick. There will be sitting rooms for men and women on the first floor and a chapel on the second.

At the Baptist Church.

At the regular communion on Sunday evening the band of fellowship was extended to four new members. This makes a total of 14 additions since the beginning of the pastorate of Rev. N. O. Patterson.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Held at Carrolltown the First of the Week—Attendance Small.

The Farmers' Institute, which convened at the Eckenrode hall, Carrolltown, on Monday, was called to order at 2 p. m. by H. J. Krumenacker, Hon. J. J. Thomas, the chairman, being confined to his room on account of sickness. Jno. McCormick, of Wilmore, was appointed secretary. The audience was not as large as usual on account of the inclemency of the weather and impassibility of the roads. On Monday morning the thermometer dropped to 10 degrees below zero, and the roads were almost blocked with snow, but there were enough farmers gathered at the Institute to show the instructors that the farmers much appreciated the work of the Institute.

Hon. Alva Agee, of Ohio, made a few introductory remarks, when Dr. Warren, our State ornithologist, took the floor and spent considerable time in showing the farmers how they had been imposed upon in regard to the scalps or bounty on the wild cat, fox, mink and several species of hawks and owls.

Hon. F. N. Moore, the pure food commissioner gave a short talk on potato culture, after which came Prof. E. H. Hess, assistant director at the Pennsylvania State College, who gave quite an instructive talk on the compositions of fertilizers and how the farmers were allowing themselves to be imposed upon by not educating themselves on the kind of fertilizer to use for the different crops and soils. After some discussions the institute adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

The first on the program in the evening was music, followed by an address of welcome by Prof. Foley, recitation, "Our Flag," Jno. McCormick; music; "The Chautauque Course for Farmers," by Prof. Hess; The Pure Food Commission and Its Work, Hon. Frank N. Moore.

On Tuesday morning Hon. J. J. Thomas was able to take the chair, but the session did not convene as soon as usual on account of the rough weather and bad roads. The principal time of the morning was taken up with dairy subjects and queries.

Meeting was called to order on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 by Hon. J. J. Thomas in the chair. Hon. Alva Agee spoke on green manuring. When, after considerable time and queries, the "Rural district high school" subject was taken up and ably discussed by Hon. Alva Agee, Prof. Foley, Hess and McCormick. The potato culture discussion came up and under it they glanced on the subject, "Whether the moon had any influence on plants or not, as to their plantings and growing." It was discussed by Profs. Hess and Foley, J. A. Hoover, Prof. McCormick, Hon. Alva Agee and H. M. Gooderham. It was very interesting and afforded a great amount of amusement for the institute. After the reading and adopting of Legislative resolutions and with Hon. Alva Agee's closing remarks the Institute adjourned sine die.

To consider the roads and weather the institute was a success.

H. M. G.

Headquarters at Washington.

The National headquarters of the American Federation of Labor are now permanently located in Washington, D. C., and open for business, with President Gompers and Secretary Morrison in charge. The headquarters are located in an office building near the Treasury department. Mr. Gompers says the federation was never in a more flourishing condition, that he expects its growth in 1897 to beat all previous records.

Children Burned to Death.

Four small colored children named Webb were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a double dwelling house at Curwensville, Tuesday afternoon. The house is occupied by the Webbs and another colored family, all of whom escaped in safety except the little ones. The building was owned by the Elk Tanning Co., which lost a large tannery by fire Monday.

Senator Penrose's Secretary.

United States Senator-elect Penrose has selected as his private secretary W. R. Andrews, a brother of State Senator Andrews, says a Harrisburg dispatch. Mr. Andrews is the editor and publisher of the Meadville Tribune-Republican, and one of the secretaries of the Republican State Committee.

Two More Dead.

As the COURIER goes to press it is learned that two more children of Theo. Craver, who lives east of Patton died on Tuesday night of diphtheria. This makes three children Mr. Craver has lost from this dreaded disease inside of ten days.

REPORT OF AN INSTITUTE

Held at Beaver Dams School Building

SATURDAY, JAN. 23, 1897

Next Institute to be held at Bladensburg Saturday, February 13, 1897.

On account of the inclemency of the weather not many of the teachers were present, but on account of having a lengthy program, the session began with the few who were present in the morning. The citizens and scholars, being there for interested and attentive audience. The session proved to be both entertaining and instructive.

The address of welcome given by B. J. Luther, Esq., was from the heart and certainly of a kind that would make the strangers feel at home. He also gave an interesting history of the school from its origin in the sixties to what was then Reads and White townships under the name of White until the present time. It is found that it is one of the oldest school houses in the county and that the attendance has ranged from two up to forty-four, and the prospects favor an increase rather than a decrease.

J. J. Mitchell, in the response, thanked the citizens for their genial welcome and presence, and touched on some of the phases of local institutes. "Is whispering a necessity?" was opened by J. A. Thomas, and a warm discussion ensued, and most teachers think it not necessary.

Literary exercises for Friday afternoon was opened by A. H. George, followed by Mitchell and others. All concede these exercises very beneficial and if necessary scholars should be compelled to take part a time or so after which there will be no trouble. The great men of Greece and Rome developed their oratory by practice in meetings, and our great Colonial orators, Patrick Henry, James Otis, etc., developed the powers which led to our freedom and liberty in the Town Meeting.

At dinner there was some trouble owing to the scarcity of visitors to be invited to dinner, and many disappointed patron had to eat their dinner without any pedagogical assistance.

After dinner all seemed to have forgotten the cold weather and the school house was filled. Miss Bowman read a very interesting paper showing that language begins at home, and the teacher's greatest difficulty, generally, is correcting the bad language taught by the thoughtless, or probably ignorant parents. D. Cyrus Tudor, the second speaker, thinks that by grouping or grading the pupils language can be taught successfully. However it should have more time than can possibly be obtained in an ungraded school.

"Overcrowded country schools," was opened by the resident teacher, A. H. George, followed by others. Although all favor graded schools, yet in the ungraded school the pupil is compelled to rely on his individual efforts and is not a part of a machine to grind out graduates. Education is a matter of individual development and this education is simply begun when the student quits school, and if during his life he keeps up this development, he becomes recognized as a thinker and leader of men. Briefly, this accounts for the great men from log school houses and country districts. Large schools seek a good example for small scholars, and are an ever present incentive for smaller scholars in ungraded, overcrowded country schools.

"Are parents responsible for their children's progress," was ably opened by J. J. Mitchell, one of the most progressive and enthusiastic workers that we have. Mr. Mitchell said in part: "The parent is responsible, and should encourage pupils in their studies. The parent is the child's god, after whom he copies, imitates, and in whom he places all confidence. Whatever a parent does is right, and our past experience shows us that we have learned much from our parents. Parents and teachers should be in perfect harmony, or sympathy, acting together for the improvement of the child. If this were not the case in a district I would reluctantly take the position as teacher."

G. W. Bowman corroborated these statements and all seemed to be of the same opinion. "Grading teachers' wages," was ably handled by Director G. W. Bowman. He believes in having one grade only, "an upward grade," one that will retain the true and tried teacher. "Make the teacher's salary according to his value. If he is worth

PATTON E. & L. ASSOCIATION

Report of Last Year's Business and New Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the Patton Building & Loan association was held at the office of the First National Bank January 28, 1897. The report of the past year's business was presented and approved. The association shows a continuous healthy growth and prosperous condition. The officers elected for this year are as follows: President, E. C. Brown; vice-president, Ralph Leigh; secretary, W. H. Sandford; treasurer, E. O. Hartsborn; solicitor, Wm. Davis, Esq.; auditors, W. C. Shiff and W. C. Lingle; directors, E. C. Brown, H. E. Barton, W. J. Donnelly, G. H. Curfman, W. H. Sandford.

The books are now open for subscriptions to stock in the fourth series, and our citizens should not fail to avail themselves of this opportunity. This is our home association and an important factor in building up and promoting the general welfare of our town, and local pride in our town, and its institutions should rapidly swell the list of stockholders. If the citizens of Patton who are now holding shares in foreign building and loan associations would invest their savings in stock of the home association its power for usefulness would be correspondingly increased. The rules and policy of local associations are liberal and equitable to both investor and borrower, and do not impose onerous conditions, and heavy taxes exacted by foreign concerns. And to such as do not need to borrow, as a savings fund, your local association offers a safe depository on a just and equitable basis, a non-mortgage stockholder can, after six months from date of subscription, withdraw his stock on 30 days' notice, together with 6 per cent. interest thereon and no bonus exacted.

Call on the secretary, W. H. Sandford, and take stock in the new series now being issued thereby helping both yourself and our town, and whether a shareholder or not in this association if contemplating making a loan for building purposes or to purchase a property, ask for information and rates from your home association before going elsewhere. You will find it your advantage to do so.

Cresson No. 10 Borough.

On Tuesday of last week a large number of the citizens of Cresson attended argument court at Ebensburg. Their reason for being there was that a petition was before the court for the incorporation of a certain portion of Cresson township into a borough. Judge Love, of Centre county, was on the bench. The applicants for the borough had Messrs. Kittell and Leech as attorneys, while the township had Frank O'Connor and the Cresson Springs company had Storey, of Johnstown. The following are the proceedings: In re incorporation of Cresson Borough, exceptions. Argued and petitioners to incorporate withdrawn, petitioners to pay cost of petition, neither side to file a bill of costs, and each to pay its own witness.—Cresson Record.

Catholic Benevolent Legion Officers.

The Catholic Benevolent Legion of Pennsylvania, in session at Erie last week, elected the following officers: Joseph Messick, of Chester, president; H. L. Spiesman, Cory, vice-president; W. B. Kearney, Oil City, secretary; Dr. F. J. Burger, Philadelphia, treasurer; George Schmitt, Philadelphia, marshal; J. W. Sprekman, Philadelphia, representative to the Supreme Council; Rev. M. A. Bruce, March Chunk, spiritual adviser.

Fire at Curwensville.

One of the Elk Tanning company's large tanneries, located at Curwensville, caught fire at 6 o'clock Monday morning and was totally destroyed. Over 100 men are thrown out of employment.

Property for Sale.

A good house, barn and lot on Beech avenue, Patton, Pa. House suitable for boarding house. Best location in town. For particulars inquire of G. W. Swank, Patton, Pa.—82.

Clearfield E.—Editor Dead.

George B. Goodlander, late editor and owner of the Clearfield Republican, died Sunday at his residence with pneumonia, in his seventieth year.

Married.

At the home of Mrs. Brody, Patton, Pa., January 21, 1897, by the Rev. N. O. Patterson, Harry Davis and Barbara Ross, Patton, Pa.

A torpid liver means a bad complexion, bad breath, indigestion and frequent headaches. To avoid such companions take DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. C. W. Hodgkins, Patton Pharmacy.

PUBLIC SCHOOL REPORT

For Fourth Month Ending January 18th, 1897.

432 PUPILS ENROLLED

Showing an Increase of Students Over the Previous Month.

Total number of pupils enrolled, 432; new pupils admitted during the month, 9; per cent. of attendance, 96; average attendance, 331. Owing to a threatened epidemic the per cent. of attendance is lower than it has been during any previous month. However, the danger is now happily averted, and our school work is moving along its usual. In order to relieve undue pressure in the lower rooms, and adhere more closely to the prescribed course of study, a number of promotions were made. The school board has provided for the introduction of two new studies in the High School, Myrtle General History and Young's Civics Book in Civil Government. Following is a detailed report of the several rooms:

High School.

Total number pupils enrolled, boys, 11; girls, 21; total, 32; per cent. of attendance, 78. The written examination held at the close of month was quite satisfactory. The following pupils were present every day during the month: Eunice Clark, Virgie Dale, Sarah Holter, Minnie Holter, May Hunter, Annie Moore, Frances Prosser, Ruth Reese, Duncan Scoville, James Sheehan.

Grammar School.

Number of pupils enrolled, 55; average attendance, 45; per cent. of attendance, 81. Perfect in attendance: Howard Bloom, Carl Crowell, John Fedora, Edna Bridson, Annie Corbellina, Agnes Donnelly, Mary Hunsicker, Edith Holter, Agnes Hunter, Rachel Sandford, Emma Sheehan.

T. J. HART, Teacher.

Third Intermediate.

Number of pupils enrolled, 54; average attendance, 44; per cent. of attendance, 84. Perfect in attendance: Anna Donnelly, Blanche Bridson, Joseph Radcliff, Bernard Nuttall, Thomas Turnbull, Thomas Sheehan, Donald Wilkins, Walter Beckwith, Elmer Crowell, John Edmiston, Hugh Hunter, Reuben Heist, John Ingle, Leo McTigue, Chas. Wilson, Leroy Wilkins.

EDITH ZIMMERMAN, Teacher.

Second Intermediate.

Number of pupils enrolled, 53; average attendance, 45; per cent. of attendance, 86. Perfect in attendance: Clarence Blair, Wilson Cramer, Jacob Hunter, Charles Kessler, Peter Korns, George Myers, John Reese, Tom Hounaley, Victor Spencer, Cecil Wilson, Ward Wolenslagle, Emma English, Carrie Holter, Maggie Quinn, Iona Sandford, Edith Spencer.

IDA DECKER, Teacher.

First Intermediate.

Number of pupils enrolled, 52; average attendance, 45; per cent. of attendance, 81. Perfect in attendance: Charles Gradwell, John Sheka, James Korns, Charles McMahon, George Rothrock, Clemens Biller, Paul Barton, Virginia Crowell, Hannah Chapman, Angella Burkley, Florence Patterson.

SARAH JONES, Teacher.

Third Primary.

Number of pupils enrolled, 52; average attendance, 42; per cent. of attendance, 80. Perfect in attendance: Minnie Beckwith, Mary Leonard, Lela Cramer, Birtia Abbott, Mary Hewlett, Rachel Haden, Edie Truman, Thelma Holter, Nellie Cammer, Willie Farsberg, James Gradwell, Emanuel Joly, Charlie Abbott, Homer Hill, Earl Wilson, Earl Cramer, John Lehman.

RUTH REIDER, Teacher.

Second Primary.

Number of pupils enrolled, 51; average attendance, 35; per cent. of attendance, 78. Perfect in attendance: Clara Short, Mary Elms, Elva Johnston, Bessie Quinn, Fannie Wilkins, Mary Somerville, Kate Cullin, Claire Boyce, Edwin Burkley, Dennis Burkley, David Turnbull, Thomas Dixon, Thomas Glass, Willie Kidding.

M. JOY SINGER, Teacher.

First Primary.

Number of pupils enrolled, 57; average attendance, 36; per cent. of attendance, 61. Perfect in attendance: Agnes Anderson, Edna Kessler, Maggie Whiteford, Annie Jones, Agnes Johnson, Annie May Monteith, Annie Runnace, Tillie Fedora, Daniel Morgan, Arnold Rothrock, Millard Rothrock, John Steerick.

GUSTAVE HELLMAN, Teacher.

T. J. PATTON, Principal.

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